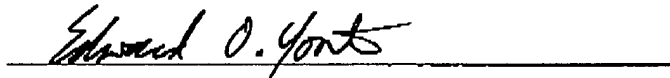


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In response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2007, please consider the following Remarks and the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Michael R. St. John.

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